

REMARKS**Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-19, 26, 27, 32, 33, and 35-52 are pending in the instant application. Claims 3, 4, 7-9, 20-25, 28-31, and 34 have been canceled.

New claims 36-52 have been added to more clearly define the claimed invention. The new claims however do not represent a narrowing of the scope of the canceled claims. Support for the new claims can be found in the original claims as summarized in the Table below. The new claims do not add prohibited new matter.

New Claims	Support (Original Claim)
36, 52	34, 1
37	3
38	4
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Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group V, claims 33 and 34, drawn to a method for identifying optimal zeta potential. Claim 34 of Group V has been canceled and is replaced with claim 36. New claims 36 and 52 are directed to the same invention as the invention of Group V; and thus, should be grouped with the claims of Group V. New claims 37-51 are directed to compositions comprising an agent obtained by the method of claim 36. The agents in the compositions of claims 37-51 can only be made by the method of claim 36. According to MPEP 806.05(f), if it cannot be shown that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process, then the process of making and the product made are not distinct inventions. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 37-51 must also be grouped with the invention of Group V.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully point out that linking claims, if allowed, act to prevent restriction between inventions that can otherwise be shown to be divisible (see MPEP 809.03). Examples of linking claims include a) a claim to a necessary process of making a product linking proper process and product claims; and b) a claim to a product linking a process of making and a use (see MPEP 809.03). Applicants respectfully submit that once a linking claim is found to be allowable, the restriction requirement as to the linked invention must be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable linking claim must be examined (see MPEP 809.03).

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